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In re Application of :
Mariner, Heil, Longworth, Lennartz,: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Sane, Macey, Leist, and Devan : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Application No. 10/759,582 :
Filed: 16 January, 2004 :
Atty Docket No. US 131067-2 60QZ

This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a)¹ on 14 May, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor could not be located despite diligent efforts. Specifically, petitioners have established that a letter sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor was returned as undeliverable. Furthermore, petitioners have shown that despite diligent efforts, the non-signing inventor could not be located.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette. The petition fee of \$130.00 will be charged to counsel's deposit account, No. 50-2339, as authorized in the present petition.

¹A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is inappropriate in this instance since all but one of the inventors has signed the declaration. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is only appropriate where none of the inventors will sign. Accordingly, the petition will be treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.



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In re Application of
Mariner et al.
Application No. 10/759,582
Filed: 14 May, 2004
For: Wafer Handling Apparatus and Method of Manufacturing Thereof

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Dear Mr. Devan:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at 703/308-6918. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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